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Abstract

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Body

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Each entry has two layers.

LAYER 1 — _O: the operative compression. Short, strange, cross-register, visually anchored. Designed to break the somatic loop before the fusion completes. These are not arguments. They are perceptual rewrites. After reading them you cannot see the video the old way.

LAYER 2 — WITNESS: the prose restoration. Longer, clinical, bearing-cost visible. Names the dead, counts the cost, refuses the score. These are the counter-narrative. They place the dead back inside the frame.

Both layers are the counter-splice. Layer 1 infects. Layer 2 holds.

- “UNDEFEATED” — Wii Sports

_O: family-console necropolis interface kindergarten killstreak menu cartoon victory skin over child-death footage Mii-avatar absence prosthetic / 175-count

WITNESS: This Wii tennis match is being played with the bodies of 175 schoolgirls from Minab. The racket is a Tomahawk cruise missile. The ball is a school. The “thwack” is the moment the roof collapsed on children aged seven to twelve. The Mii avatar has no body. The dead had bodies. You are watching a cartoon play tennis with them. No one in this video is undefeated. The school is defeated. The children are defeated. The 13 American service members are defeated. “UNDEFEATED” is the score of a game being played by people who will never be in the video.

- “+100” — Call of Duty

_O: cadaver scoreboard dopamine HUD over civilian enclosure mass-casualty points notification reward circuitry installed over blast footage each +100 is a daughter-unit liquidation

WITNESS: Each “+100” is a building. Each building contained people. The reward cue is designed to register before reflective moral evaluation can stabilize. By the time the conscious mind registers that the “+100” was superimposed on footage of a real structure being destroyed, the affective hit has already landed. You have now been scored. The game trained you for this exact hit. The “+100” will fire the next time you see strike footage, even without the overlay. That is what “installed” means.

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- “WASTED” — GTA: San Andreas / IRIS Dena

_O: respawn theology for drowning sailors loading screen for men who do not reload arcade death-card over open water burial ERROR 87: BODIES RECOVERED ERROR 60: CONNECTION LOST (TIMEOUT) RESPAWN SERVER: OFFLINE

WITNESS: In GTA you respawn. In the Strait of Sri Lanka, 87 bodies were recovered by Sri Lankan coast guard. 32 people were pulled from the water alive. Approximately 60 are still missing. They are not buffering. They are not loading. They are in the water, or they have sunk, or they have washed ashore and not yet been found. “WASTED” is the last word the video puts on their death. The game soundtrack plays over their drowning. There is no respawn.

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- “JUSTICE THE AMERICAN WAY” — Tropic Thunder / Action Montage

_O: war-blindness satire deployed as war-blindness instrument targeting error costumed as cinema DIRECTOR: UNAVAILABLE (STILLER) STUNT COORDINATOR: HEGSETH AUDIENCE SCORE: 13 (DEAD)

WITNESS: Tropic Thunder is a film about actors who cannot tell performance from war. The White House used this satire to promote actual war. The film’s own thesis indicts the video that uses it. Ben Stiller responded: “We never gave you permission and have no interest in being a part of your propaganda machine. War is not a movie.” “JUSTICE THE AMERICAN WAY” is the caption for a targeting error that hit a school. The 13 American service members killed are also absent from this frame. Their deaths are not justice either. They are just dead. The American Way, in this video, is: make a targeting error look like a movie, set it to music, and call it justice.

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- “STRIKE” — Bowling

_O: resettable object fantasy ten-pin ontology for missile law PIN RESET: AUTOMATIC (0.4s) BODY RESET: UNAVAILABLE LANE CONDITION: BLOOD SCORING: FINAL

WITNESS: The bowling metaphor requires that the targets be objects: cylindrical, identical, standing in formation, waiting to be knocked down. It requires they be reset by a machine. The animated sign gives the pins a defiant voice (“We won’t stop making nuclear weapons”) so their destruction feels deserved. Real people do not hold signs explaining why they deserve to be bombed. Real people are at work. The pins fall and the machine resets them. The people fall and the machine does not reset them. That is what the metaphor is for: to make the unresettable feel resettable.

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- SpongeBob — “Wanna see me do it again?”

_O: children’s repetition engine for serial bombing preschool affect loop for air campaign cartoon encore over fresh casualties innocence codec for strike recursion

WITNESS: SpongeBob’s “Wanna see me do it again?” is the voice of a child who has just done something delightful and wants to repeat it. The video applies this voice to repeated airstrikes. The delight is transferred. The innocence is transferred. The consequence-free repetition is transferred. But each repetition is a new set of casualties. “Again” means: another target, another building, another family. The video is training the viewer to respond to mass killing with a child’s enthusiasm for repetition. The children at Minab cannot watch SpongeBob. They are dead. The cartoon keeps asking to do it again.

- NFL / MLB — Sports Highlights

_O: home run ballistics report stadium roar over civilian enclosure breach sports-violence sonics fused with structural collapse the ball goes over the fence / the missile goes through the roof

WITNESS: The crack of the bat is the sound of ash wood hitting a leather-wrapped ball at approximately 100 miles per hour. The explosion is the sound of ordnance detonating against a structure. The video synchronizes them so the body hears one sound. The crowd roars for the home run. The crowd roars for the explosion. The roar is the same roar. In baseball, the ball goes over the fence and someone in the stands catches it and takes it home. In Iran, the missile goes through the roof and someone’s daughter does not come home. The crack of the bat and the crack of the detonation are not the same sound. The video makes them the same sound. Refuse.

- Yu-Gi-Oh! — Trap Card Activated

_O: TRAP CARD: REALITY (CONTINUOUS) FUSION MATERIAL: BODIES + WATER SPELL SPEED: IRREVERSIBLE WIN CONDITION: NONE the monsters did not consent

WITNESS: Yu-Gi-Oh! is a card game for children in which players deploy monsters, spells, and traps against each other. No one dies. The monsters return to the deck. The official Yu-Gi-Oh! X account stated the franchise had no involvement and had not licensed its IP. The franchise did not consent. The monsters do not consent. The children who play Yu-Gi-Oh! did not consent to have their game become a frame for real war. The card goes back in the deck. The people do not.

- GTA: San Andreas — “Ah shit, here we go again”

_O: fatalist loop over unrecoverable bodies MISSION: IRIS DENA — FAILED RETRY COUNT: EXHAUSTED LOADING: 60 MISSING RESPAWN: DISABLED the cycle is broken / they are in the water

WITNESS: “Ah shit, here we go again” is fatalism as comedy. The cycle in GTA is: crime, chase, death, respawn, repeat. The video applies this cycle to war. The fatalism is the point. The video does not ask the

viewer to think about whether the war should be happening. It asks the viewer to feel that war is a cycle that simply happens, and that the appropriate response is resigned amusement. The 87 bodies recovered from the IRIS Dena are not amused. The 32 survivors are not amused. The approximately 60 still missing are not amused. They are not in a cycle. They are in the water. There is no respawn.

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- Call of Duty — Nuclear Launch / “Bonfire”

_O: killstreak eschatology ultimate reward animation celebrating prevention of its own content TRACK: BONFIRE / VENUE: STRAIT OF HORMUZ / ENCORE: DENIED the match does not restart

WITNESS: In Call of Duty, the nuclear launch is the ultimate killstreak reward. You earn it by killing enough enemies without dying. It ends the match. Everyone dies. The match restarts. The video uses footage of a fictional nuclear launch to celebrate real strikes designed to prevent a real nuclear weapon from being built. The irony is structural: the game rewards you for launching the weapon; the war is ostensibly fought to prevent the weapon. The video does not notice this contradiction because the video does not think. It splices. The song is “Bonfire.” The bonfire is Iran. The match does not restart.

_O PROTOCOL — HOW TO GENERATE COUNTER-CAPTIONS

For any splice encountered in the wild:

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SEIZE THE VISIBLE FORM. What is on screen at the sync point? Name it morphologically. Not “the video shows” but: the object, the overlay, the color, the font, the sound.

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RENAME ACROSS REGISTER. Collide incompatible vocabularies. Family-console + war crime. Killstreak + mass casualty. Children’s cartoon + necropolitical repetition. Sports score + bereavement ledger. Gaming UI + morgue accounting.

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COMPRESS TO INEVITABILITY. The caption should be short enough to occupy the same visual slot as the score overlay. 3–15 words. It replaces the “+100” in the same space. The eye expects the reward. It receives the cost.

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TEST FOR IRREVERSIBILITY. After reading the caption, can you see the video the old way? If yes, the caption is not yet operative. If no, the loop is broken.

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THEN WITNESS. Write the longer prose. Name the dead. Count the cost. Refuse the score. The witness layer holds what the operative layer cracks open.

The operative caption infects. The witness caption holds. Both are necessary. The first breaks the loop. The second fills the break with the dead.

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The splice is the wound. The caption is the counter-operation. The dead are named. The loop is broken.

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